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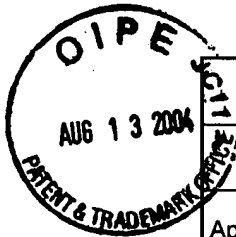
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Applicant(s): John R. Hampton et al.

Invention: FILTER ELEMENT ISOLATION BARRIER

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1, 3-11, 13 and 15-21, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.